

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re Application of: Elizabeth Bates <i>et al.</i>	:	
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed November 20, 2006 in connection with the above-referenced case. Enclosed is a petition, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), for a three month extension of time for responding to the action, up to and including May 20, 2007. Since May 20, 2007 is a Sunday, this response is timely filed on Monday, May 21, 2007.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins at page 2 of this paper. The Remarks begin at page 4 of this paper. Accompanying this paper is a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132 of Joseph H. Phillips.